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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO RECEIVE A LICENSE AS A BARBER

All examinations for the barber license are given by appointment. After your application for the barber examination has been accepted, you will receive an admission letter that will provide you with the time, date and place of the examination.

The practical and written examinations are divided into segments and requires your presence for one day.

MODELS: You may bring the model of your choice. Ineligible models are barber students, barber instructors, barbers, and apprentices. Random selection of models' names are checked with Sacramento on the day of the examination. You may bring a model for the shave and another for the haircut. Models are required to furnish valid photo identification as listed on page 3.

MODEL STANDARDS

Models must have sufficient facial hair on all parts of the face and neck (sideburns, cheeks, lip, and neck) to demonstrate all phases of a facial shave - at least two days of beard growth. Models must **NOT** have mustaches.

MINIMUM HAIR LENGTH:

Top and crown area - 3 1/2" length

Black Models - 2" length

Outline/nape area - 1/2" length

IMPLEMENTS REQUIRED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair cloth clip | <input type="checkbox"/> Smock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair spray (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-held dryer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neck duster | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 set standard barber tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton to surround one section of the head | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 12 towels (cloth and/or terry) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric curling iron | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 curling rods of equal size |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair cloth/drape | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-pkg end papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receptacle for soiled linen | |

NOTE: Disposable razor blades must fit securely into the razors. If the disposable razor blade does not fit securely, the applicant will not be allowed to use the razor for the shave demonstration. If the applicant is unable to obtain a suitable razor blade, the points for performing the shave will be deducted from the applicant's score.

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THE BOARD PROVIDES:

Talc powder
Sanex strips
Setting lotions
Applicator brush

Lather machines
After shave lotion
Bowls

Mannequin
Rest facial cream
Shaving cream

NOT PERMITTED:

1. Shaving mugs

2. Lather brushes

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

NOTE: Appointment examination booklets will be assigned to *each station*--therefore, you **MUST READ AND FOLLOW YOUR APPOINTMENT EXAMINATION BOOKLET CAREFULLY. Barber applicants may be doing examination services at different times during the examination.**

All applicants begin the examination at the same time. The examiner(s) will observe and grade your ability to give your model a shave; scientific rest facial; scientific scalp massage; shampoo (incline or recline); haircut (the haircut must include all basic phases of haircutting including neck and side taper); and to demonstrate the use of a heated curling iron and create a hairstyle enhancing the appearance of your model.

Time allowed: 2 hours and 10 minutes.

NOT PERMITTED: Specialty haircuts

CAUTION: Models must have sufficient hair remaining after the haircut to create a hairstyle.
Remaining hair in front, top, and crown must be between 2 ¾" and 4".
Exception--very curly or overly-curly hair may be out to 1". At least ½" must be cut (front, top, and crown).

NECK TAPERS: No shear clipper marks, thin or thick areas.

TIME ALERT: The examiner(s) will alert you that 10 minutes remain. At the end of the 10 minutes you must stop, whether completed with the service or not.

After this part of the examination is completed, you will be given a break and your model will be excused. After the break you will return to the same work station to demonstrate the rest of your practical examination on a mannequin.

The examiner(s) will observe and grade your ability to:

1. Demonstrate one of the following procedures for hair coloring chemicals:

Virgin Tint Darker
Virgin Bleach

Virgin Tint Lighter
Bleach Retouch

Tint New Growth (darker or lighter)
Toner

and,

2. Demonstrate virgin application of chemical hair straightening (Hydroxide Straightener)

and,

3. Demonstrate hair waving with the use of ammonium thioglycolate (Permanent Wave)

Time allowed: 70 minutes

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WRITTEN EXAMINATION: 40 Multiple-choice questions

TIME ALLOWED: 60 minutes

Written examination content includes: Business and Professions Code (Barbering and Cosmetology Act); Title 16, Division 9 of the California Code of Regulations (Rules and Regulations); Sanitation and Safety; Haircutting/Hairstyling; Shaving; Chemical Hair Services (perms, hair coloring, relaxing/hair straightening).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

EXAMINATION ATTIRE:

The applicant shall wear a clean, neat washable uniform when taking the practical part of any examination given by the Board.

ARRIVAL TIME: You must arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the examination. Allow for traffic delays. If you are late, you will **NOT** be admitted to the examination.

BRING:	Admission Letter	Valid photographic identification
	All required equipment	Interpreter with validated Form H and sealed photo (where applicable)

For purposes of identification at the Board's examination facilities, all applicants, models, interpreters, and interpreter/models must present one of the following government-issued photographic identification cards upon entering the examination facility:

- Valid photographic driver's license (any state)
- Valid passport
- Valid photographic alien registration card (photo must be reasonably current)
- Valid military I.D. or California photographic I.D. card available from the Department of Motor Vehicles

Please note that the identification card must be currently valid and the photograph must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued.

CAUTION: Applicants may **NOT** borrow tools or disturb another applicant. Visitors are not permitted inside the examination facility. Models may not converse with or coach applicants.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Applicants taking the examination will be informed on the date of the examination of the grade they received on the examination. Applicants who are successful on the examination by making a score of not less than 75% will be issued a license on the day of the examination.

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